



# Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

*The*  
*Clarion*  
April 2023

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## Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors; provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support; nurture future generations of organists; promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

## 2022-2023 Officers

Bob Bidewell, *dean*  
Jason Saugey, *sub-dean*  
Jess Anthony, *treasurer*  
Jane Gamble, *secretary*

## Executive Committee

Karen Horton (2023)  
Colin MacKnight (2024)  
John Briggs (2025)

## From the Dean

When reading this newsletter, most of you will be in the middle of Holy Week. Blessings to all during this busy time of preparation, rehearsals, and services. I often wonder if our parish members/congregation members realize how much time is spent getting ready for this holiest of weeks and, of course, Easter. Truly, keep hydrated, get some rest, take care of yourself!

What an absolute joy to have organist Damir Spritzer with us in March. Her recital was phenomenal! I asked her to perform works specifically to honor Women's History Month (March) and Black History Month (February). She certainly brought us some gorgeous music and exceptional keyboard artistry! Thanks to Frode Gunderson and Sungyun Kim for serving as our hosts for the dinner and reception. Thanks, too, to Betty Cohen for heading up

the punchbowl gathering before the dinner and meeting.

Looking ahead, we welcome organist Andrew Van Varick, who will perform a recital celebrating the life of Robert Ellis. The recital will be held at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, downtown Little Rock. More information may be found elsewhere in *The Clarion*.

Betty Cohen and her committee have finalized the officer slate for 2023-2024 and you will find it below. We will vote for that slate in May. I am so appreciative of this committee and those willing to serve our Chapter in the coming year. Truly, Thank You!

Wishing you a glorious Easter!

Peace my friends

Bob

## Upcoming Newsletter

The May 2023 *Clarion* will be published Monday, May 1. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to adam@cacago.org. The deadline is Friday, April 28.

## Upcoming CACAGO Programs

**Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.**

**The 19th Annual Concert  
Celebrating the Life of  
Robert Young Ellis**

**Andrew Van Varick, organist**  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew  
617 S. Louisiana St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.**

**Fred Teardo, organist**  
First Presbyterian Church  
800 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

# APRIL MEETING

## The Nineteenth Annual Concert Celebrating the Life of Robert Young Ellis Andrew Van Varick, *organist*

🕒 **Friday, April 21, 2023**

6:00 P.M. – Punchbowl

6:30 P.M. – Dinner & Meeting

7:30 P.M. – Concert

📍 **Cathedral of Saint Andrew**

617 Louisiana St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** The cost for dinner is \$20.00. For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Jane Gamble via e-mail ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)), or voice/text (901) 827-7909, or complete the dinner reservation form on the chapter website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

**Dinner reservations are due by  
noon, Wednesday, April 19!**

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees for 2023-2024.

**Dean:** Jason Saugey

**Sub-Dean:** Beau Baldwin

**Secretary:** James Stanley

**Treasurer:** Jess Anthony

**Executive Committee (2026)**

Patrick Jennings

The Election of Officers will be done via US Postal Service in April.

## Biography of Andrew Van Varick

Andrew Van Varick is a Doctor of Musical Arts student at the Eastman School of Music, where he studies organ performance under Professor David Higgs and accompanies the Eastman-Rochester Chorus under the direction of Dr. William Weinert. Previously, Andrew received a Master of Music degree from Eastman, and he holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Montclair State University, where he studied organ with Professors Vincent Carr and John Miller, piano with Professor Mark Pakman, and harpsichord with Dr. Hsuan-Wen Chen. During his time at Montclair, Andrew served as the principal student accompanist of the Montclair State University Chorale, directed by Dr. Heather Buchanan, and performed as organist for their performances of Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo* and John Rutter's *Gloria*. He participated as a continuo harpsichordist in the MSU Collegium Musicum,

accompanied an undergraduate opera workshop, and played keyboards in the pit orchestras of multiple musical theater productions.

Andrew has performed in coachings and masterclasses with Balint Karosi, Michel Bouvard, Wilma Jensen, Simon Johnson, Ezequiel Menendez, Chelsea Chen, and Alan Morrison. He was a featured artist on the "Young Organ Artist" series at the Central Synagogue in Manhattan, New York City, and the "Wednesdays at Noon" recital series at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, New Jersey. In the Spring of 2019, he attained the Colleague certification from the American Guild of Organists, and received the CAGO prize for the top score. Currently, Andrew is the director of music and organist at the Central Presbyterian Church in Geneseo, New York.

## April Program

Andrew Van Varick, *organist*

### **Etude Symphonique**

Marco Enrico Bossi (1861-1925)

### **Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 2**

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

### **Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544**

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### **Canonic Study no. 4 in A-Flat**

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

### **Pièce Héroïque**

César Franck (1822-1890)

### **INTERMISSION**

### **Ceremonial March**

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

### **Lullaby**

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

### **Miroir**

Ad Wammes (b. 1953)

### **So Fades the Lovely, Blooming Flower**

George Shearing (1919-2011)

### **I Love Thee, My Lord**

G. Shearing

### **Fantasy on the Chorale**

### **Hallelujah! Gott Zu Loben**

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Arts@ChristChurch  
Trio Mediaeval

Friday, April 14 • 7:00 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church  
509 Scott St  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3807

Join us for the next concert in our Arts@ Christ Church series. Grammy Nominee Trio Mediæval combines many varied strands of musical exploration: historically informed performance of medieval sacred music, folk music (adapted and arranged by members of the group); contemporary Nordic jazz; specially commissioned works; improvisation with or without instruments. Tickets are \$25 credit/\$20 cash and \$15 credit/\$10 cash for students, available in the church office and at the door.

Organ Concert  
James Stanley, organist

Sunday, April 23 • 3:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church  
723 Center St  
Little Rock, AR 72201-4317

The program will include works by Bach, Franck, Barber, Undine Smith Moore, and Marianne Kim.

Organ Concert  
Colin MacKnight, organist

Friday, June 2 • 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
310 W 17th St  
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

The program will include works by Bach, Ravel, Price, Debussy, Whitlock, and Ives.

# Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues \$2,588.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals \$1,740.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY22) \$3,789.82</p> <p>Other/Mail</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$8,117.82</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals \$3,065.14</p> <p>Corporate/Church \$3,580.00</p> <p>Endowment \$1,312.18</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$7,957.32</p> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b> \$16,075.14</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National \$40.00</p> <p>Catering/Reception \$2,580.00</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$592.46</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$3,212.46</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing \$8,997.49</p> <p>Remaining Expenses (ACH)</p> <p>Tech/Production</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$8,997.49</p> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> \$12,209.95</p> <p><b>BALANCE</b> \$3,865.19</p>

# Arts Calendar

**Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber: Zuill Bailey  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, April 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

Arts@ChristChurch: Trio Mediaeval  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, April 16 – 2:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Monday, April 17 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, April 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, April 20 – 7:30 P.M.**

CMSLR: Jeremy Crosmer, cello  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, April 21 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: Andrew Van Varick, organist  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, April 23 – 3:00 P.M.**

Organ Concert: James Stanley, organist  
First United Methodist Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Tuesday, April 25 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber: Moncayo, Damase, Franck  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, April 27 – 7:30 P.M.**

Little Rock Winds: Tradition & Temptation  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, May 5 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: Fred Teardo, organist  
First Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, May 6 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Symphonie Fantastique  
Robinson Center Music Hall  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, May 7 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Symphonie Fantastique  
Robinson Center Music Hall  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, May 12 – 7:30 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, May 13 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Pops: Heather Headley  
Robinson Center Music Hall  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, May 14 – 3:00 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, May 14 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Pops: Heather Headley  
Robinson Center Music Hall  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, June 2 – 7:00 P.M.**

Organ Concert: Colin MacKnight, organist  
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, June 11 – 7:00 P.M.**

Little Rock Winds: Flag Day Salute  
MacArthur Park  
Little Rock, AR